

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008***

The meeting was called to order at 6:26pm. Selectmen present were: Michael Woodworth, Rosanne Gilbert, and Wes Moore. Others present were: Brian Knipstein, Chief Reed, and Clay Mitchell.

Holiday pay was discussed. It was decided that an employee will be paid for hours normally worked on that day including split shifts which occur on Tuesdays in the Town Office.

There have been numerous complaints from drivers about the obstructed view on Meadow Road at Route 87. Brian Knipstein spoke with the State about this and was told that the State does not do any clearing from Town roads onto State roads. Along with the trees, a stone wall blocks the view of drivers. Wes will speak with the property owner to try to reach a resolution.

Chief Reed reported that there were no issues with the Seabrook Drill. A number of residents participated and FEMA representatives visited during the drill.

Emergency Management will conduct some hazmat training in the spring.

Brian will research to see if the Town is eligible for a New Hampshire Department of Safety Hazardous Mitigation Grant for a new culvert on Bald Hill Road. The Town has sent a Hazardous Mitigation Plan to the State for approval.

Girls On the Run will hold their road race on 11/23/08 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The race will be headquartered at the Elementary School and the organizer has been told that no parking is allowed at the Fire Station.

Checks were signed.

A PSNH Pole License was signed

The 2008 Municipal Assessment Data Sheets were signed.

A Town Hall rental agreement was signed.

The Statewide Enhanced Education Tax Warrant for 2009 was reviewed.

Correspondence from Avitar Associates was reviewed.

The Selectmen agreed to send Nancy Spencer to a workshop on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Planning Board Legal Notice was discussed regarding 34 Railroad Avenue. Clay Mitchell reported that the Fire Chief inspected the site and the property owner is meeting with the Planning Board on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Clay advised that the Impact Fee Schedule is on the Agenda for approval by the Planning Board. He also discussed the anometer at the Water and Sewer Plant and will bring information from the device to his next meeting with the Selectmen. It was suggested that an Energy Committee be formed. Clay and Wes volunteered to serve on the committee and will solicit other residents to serve too.

Clay presented his renewal contract to the Selectmen. They will review the contract before signing it. Clay did not increase his contract pricing.

The Selectmen decided not to raise the rent on the Town Hall.

Discussion on Bestway Disposal was tabled as Wes is meeting with representatives from Newmarket and Stratham to discuss the proposal.

Michael will take care of transferring Map 206 Lot 6.1 to the Water and Sewer Department as Warrant Article 10 was passed in March. The Water and Sewer Department will be responsible for the legal fees for this transaction.

Correspondence regarding the Town's tax maps was discussed. Sue will be asked to review the letter and report back to the Selectmen.

Items from the Rockingham Planning Commission were reviewed.

The quote from Dragon Mosquito Control was quickly reviewed and will be discussed at a later date.

The SB2 Town Timeline was reviewed.

Sue provided tax increase comparisons for the Selectmen. These were reviewed and Rosanne suggested that the appraiser come to the Town Office for a couple of days in early January to answer questions from residents about their property appraisals. Sue will contact the appraiser to set up some dates.

A quick review of the proposed budget for 2009 was completed.

Wes made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer  
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